



BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001

Bethel Census Area , Alaska [02050]

Bethel Census Area is one of 27 counties in Alaska. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2001 population of 16,253 ranked 6th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Bethel Census Area had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,887. This PCPI ranked 25th in the state and was 66 percent of the state average, \$31,666, and 68 percent of the national average, \$30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected an increase of 7.8 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 6.0 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of Bethel Census Area was \$14,519 and ranked 24th in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.2 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Bethel Census Area had a total personal income (TPI) of \$339,484*. This TPI ranked 8th in the state and accounted for 1.7 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of Bethel Census Area was \$202,207* and ranked 11th in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected an increase of 8.8 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 7.0 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.3 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Bethel Census Area. In 2001 net earnings accounted for 61.6 percent of TPI (compared with 66.1 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 7.9 percent (compared with 10.4 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 30.6 percent (compared with 23.6 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings increased 11.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 5.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.4 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 4.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.1 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Bethel Census Area increased from \$205,549* in 2000 to \$227,431* in 2001, an increase of 10.6 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 9.0 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of \$142,486* to the 2001 estimate was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.4 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*